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Minden Hills insurance costs rising

By Jerry Grozelle

Minden Hills insurance premiums have increased and one of the main reasons is short-term disability claims.

Kevin Ashe, representing the Township's agent of record Mosey and Mosey, presented an evaluation of the Township's insurance needs and costs at the November 10 council meeting. He said the recent spate of short-term disability claims has driven up the cost of insurance.

"The reality is that there are still significant issues in regards to your weekly indemnity, which is your short term disability," Ashe said. "You have a troubling trend in regards to absenteeism." He said it was a significant factor that is driving up the municipality's insurance costs. Ashe said nine employees accessed the short-term disability plan and four employees accessed the long-term disability plan over the past year. "Those trends are way, way outside the norm that we would normally see in a public sector body," she said.

Ashe received quotes from the current insurance supplier, Manulife, as well as Sun Life. The Sun Life quote was \$8,000, or four per cent, lower, but he didn't recommend switching carriers because, he said, "changing carriers has some impact." He said he wouldn't recommend changing carriers unless

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Kyle wins Algonquin Highlands Ward 3 by-election

By Jerry Grozelle

Marlene Kyle will join the Algonquin Highlands council after winning the Ward 3 by-election to replace Gary Schultz, who stepped down when he sold his business and moved out of the country.

The votes were tallied Monday evening and Kyle topped the list of five candidates, with 214 votes. Bob Buckingham finished with 198, followed by Brian Lynch with 163, Colin Smith with 42 and John Salvagna with five.

A total of 1,575 people were eligible to vote and 40.47 per cent exercised that right.

"We're looking forward to getting that fifth person on board and getting on with business," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt after the results were in.

Kyle has been a regular at all Algonquin

Highlands council meetings since she submitted her letter of intent to run in August.

"Based on her preparation for the election, I suspect she'll be raring to go," Moffatt said. "With the issues we have at the moment, especially with the MNR discussions and whatnot, Marlene is going to have her hands full catching up."

Marlene Kyle

Councilor elect

"I have a lot of work to do to show the folks that I can do the job. And I'm really looking forward to that."

The Highlander called Kyle Tuesday morning for her comments on the by-election. "There were some excellent candidates and it was a very close call," Kyle said Tuesday morning. "I have a lot of work to do to show the folks that I can do the job. And I'm really looking forward to that. I don't get officially sworn in until the 15th [December] so I have another month to keep doing my homework."

Kyle spent Monday evening at the Algonquin Highlands office helping with the count, while her husband Doug went to the Oxtongue

Community Centre. He was one of the community members who joined members of council to monitor the results of the by-election as they unfolded. It took about an hour and a half to count the three boxes of votes and declare Kyle the winner.

She said it was really encouraging to see people come out on a Monday night in November. "It shows us that the community is really interested in the results and that they want to actively participate," she said. "I had fabulous support from the community. I had a great deal of support from Jan Woods and John Gunderman. They provided me with valuable insight and direction."

She also expressed her appreciation to township staff, especially Clerk Dawn Newhook, and councilors for their time when she was asking so many questions.

"I'm very excited," she said. "I think it's going to be a great couple of years and I'm going to do the best that I can possibly do."

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there was at least an eight per cent savings. "There were some opportunities for savings but they were fairly modest," Ashe said.

Higher claims for drugs, dental and prescription glasses, and the fact that employees are getting older and wages are increasing have also contributed to increasing costs.

Options were presented in an effort to reduce the Township's insurance costs. The options took into consideration what would most likely be acceptable to the employees and the union.

In addition, preventative measures to help keep employees from taking sick leave were recommended. Measures such as flu shots, blood pressure testing, and offering some sort of reward system or incentive for those who don't take sick days were discussed. Ashe suggested, for example, that employees who don't take a sick day for six consecutive months be given a vacation day.

Ashe said ways to save money include education, engagement and wellness initiatives.

"If we go through these item by item, what we feel personally

may not be what your negotiating team is going to hone in on," said Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch. "You'll find out real quick what they want to talk about or what they might not want to talk about."

Members of council discussed numerous ways of cutting costs, most of which involved also cutting benefits to some degree.

Council decided to remain with Manulife, with modifications that will result in some savings.

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EMS and Minden Fire Departments discuss sharing space

By Jerry Grozelle

Minden Hills council approved the expenditure of \$10,000 from the Fire Department budget to fund its share of engineering costs for a building that will accommodate both the Minden Hills Fire Department and the County's Emergency Medical Services (Ambulance Base).

Fire Chief Doug Schell told council at the November 10 meeting that he has had discussions with EMS Director Pat Kennedy regarding the possibility of combining EMS and Fire departments into the same building.

The County owns property on Highway 35 at the site of the former Walker garage, north of Bobcaygeon Road on the east side of the highway. The plan for the property is to build a new ambulance base and EMS office, and it was suggested that the Minden Hills Fire Department be moved to the site as well.

The \$10,000 committed by Minden Hills is for its share of the \$20,000 cost to do a preliminary evaluation of the site, to determine the best use of the property, identify space needs for both services, and to give the township and the county an idea of what it will cost to build a facility to accommodate both sets of requirements.

Schell said he has consulted Minden Hills Treasurer Lorrie Blanchard and that money is available in the Fire Department's budget to pay the township's share of the cost of the study.

"It's an opportunity to partner with the County on a project," said Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch. "It would be a cheaper way to go. If you combine the two facilities into one building you have combined meeting rooms and that sort of thing."

Murdoch added that there has been a concern for many years about the current location of both the EMS base and the Fire Hall. It's busy in the summertime trying to get the ambulances and fire trucks out of Minden through increased traffic.

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Council supports Trillium grant application for large music festival

By Jerry Grozelle

Minden Hills is reviewing an ambitious plan to bring a huge annual music festival, Minden Fairgrounds starting in 2012.

Event organizers told council that the outdoor festival would require some major upgrades to facilities at the fairgrounds.

Event organizers asked council for their support in sanctioning a Trillium grant application to upgrade the hydro capacity, lighting and washroom facilities.

John Teljeur, spokesman for the organizers, told council that the proposed 2012 inaugural event, which is slated

for four days over the August long weekend, has the potential to draw 10,000 people into Minden.

Teljeur said the organizers have been working with a promoter who is interested in making it a long-term event. He asked council to make a five-year commitment for the use of the fairgrounds for this event, and to invest in the fairgrounds updates.

Other groups that use the fairgrounds, including the Fair Board, Rotary Club and Kin Club, are planning to partner with the event organizers and the municipality to apply for a Trillium grant. The organizers are asking Trillium Foundation for a commitment of approximately \$350,000 over three years.

Improvements to the fairground facilities to accommodate the music festival would benefit the entire community, Teljeur told council, adding that money generated by the festival would be a huge boost to the local economy.

Teljeur wouldn't name any particular bands, but he said, "14 or 15 big name bands, the likes of which we've never seen here before" are expected. "They are the type of bands you would pay \$60 to see at Rama or in Toronto".

Council was told that organizers would need a large on-site or nearby camping area. Negotiations with a nearby property owner to provide a camping area are in the works, said Teljeur, but the property owner seems unwilling to commit for more than one year. Teljeur suggested it may be helpful if council could encourage the property owner to consider a longer term commitment.

Reeve Barb Reid said she wasn't sure council had any authority to approach the landowner, nor was council willing to lock in the fairgrounds for more than the current term of council, which would be three more years.

Teljeur said he was confident a three-year commitment from council would satisfy the promoters. Council gave a verbal commitment to provide the fairgrounds each year, for four days over the August long weekend for 2012 through to 2014.

A resolution was passed authorizing the application for the Trillium Grant. "All of the user groups want this to happen," said Minden Hills Director of Community Services, Rick Cox.

Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch noted that the fairgrounds are underutilized and that the improvements would increase use. "It would be well worthwhile," she said.

The consensus of council is that the municipality should try to cooperate as much as possible to help make the event happen.

"It's an opportunity to partner with the County"

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"I think this is a great opportunity to look into possibly partnering with the County," Murdoch said. "For \$10,000 they can give us a space-needs study and an accurate idea of the size of the facility that will be required." Murdoch said she would strongly recommend partnering with the County on this venture. She said she thought it would be a good cooperative project.

Reeve Barb Reid said the county owns six acres at the site and one of the possibilities the county is considering is severing off and selling part of the property for the development of another business. "You can't really make that determination until you have that footprint identified," Reid said.

Reid noted that once the needs of both services are identified, attention can be turned toward which accommodations which can be shared between the two organizations.

Councillor Brigitte Gall asked if there would be a need for a study to determine if any special lighting or traffic control devices would be needed if both services are relocated to the highway. Schell said he didn't think there would be any special needs along those lines

but he said the preliminary study would identify such concerns if there were any.

Murdoch said she was sure everybody is asking where the money would come from to build such a facility. She pointed out that both the County and Minden Hills would apply for stimulus funding for the project. "We're not going to do this on our own," she said. "It's nice to be shovel ready when the money might come so we can say we have some plans."

Reid added that the approximate cost of the shared facility would have to be known before applications for funding are made.

Schell said his recommendation regarding this first phase study stipulates that the agreement to share the cost of the preliminary study doesn't obligate Minden Hills to continue with the project if, for some reason, it isn't feasible for the Township to proceed.

Reid suggested that if part of the property is deemed surplus there may be a possibility for the Township to buy it and make it available for affordable housing. "It could lead to some exciting opportunities," she said.

Canadian Tire and Dairy Queen site plans moving forward

By Jerry Grozelle

Site plan agreements for both the Canadian Tire Gas Bar and the Dairy Queen are a step closer to completion after the November 10 meeting of Minden Hills Council.

Three minor details must be completed before the Gas Bar gets the go-ahead, including the provision of five copies of the drawings, copies of the MTO entrance permit, and a security deposit.

"As soon as those three last items are in place, the document will be ready for your signature," said Minden Hills Planning Consultant Heather Sadler of Ecovue Planning and Design Services.

Reeve Barb Reid asked: "When do they want to start?"

"Yesterday," Sadler replied.

"That is good news," Reid said.

Sadler said the requirements could be met and the document could be signed within a couple of days.

The Dairy Queen site plan agreement is also progressing, although there are a few wrinkles still to be ironed out before township officials will be ready to sign on the dotted line and the builders (Borcap) can get on with the project. Council did address a couple of key issues at last Thursday's meeting.

Storm water control is another area of concern. It has been

recommended that an oil grid separator be installed. At a estimated cost of \$30,000 to \$40,000. The design submitted by Borcap would substantially improve the imperviousness from the current two per cent coverage to thirty per cent, which exceeds the zoning by-law's 20 per cent requirement.

Reid asked if any other businesses in Minden have oil grid separators: Interim Chief Building Official Colin McKnight said there were none that he knows of.

"It is a recommendation, but not a requirement is my understanding," Reid said.

A letter of credit as a security deposit, amounting to 10 per cent of the value of internal and external construction, was requested by the builders. Council's usual security deposit is 25 per cent of the value of the internal construction and 100 per cent of the external.

It was noted that previous councils have agreed to smaller security deposits said Reid. That the previous council had agreed to a 10 and 10 per cent security deposit with this company on another project and she asked if there was any reason to regret that decision. McKnight replied that there was not.

"It seems like to me that it's a question of risk management," Reid said. She suggested the risk, compared to the housing project for which the company was granted the lower security

deposit, would be a higher risk than the construction of a restaurant.

Reid also agreed that the previous relationship with Borcap owners Claudio Bortolucci and Gino Cappozoli has been a good one.

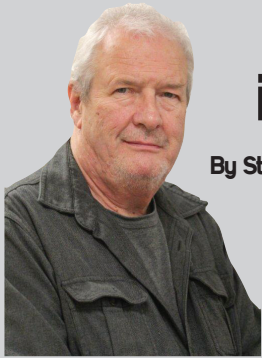
"The letter of credit is intended to provide the Township with security against any cost that might be incurred by the municipality in the event that something goes awry," Sadler explained. "It's standard because you always want to be sure you are covered."

Sadler said that the Township doesn't want to be in the position of having to pay to correct any shortcomings with money out of its own budget, in the event that a builder doesn't complete a project as agreed. She said the security deposit should cover a worst-case scenario.

Council is still waiting on figures regarding construction costs to set the amount of the deposit.

Borcap's Claudio Bortolucci told *The Highlander* on Tuesday that everything is going fine. "It's moving along," he said.

Editorial opinion



A medical miracle – if you have some cash

By Stephen Patrick, Editor

The very idea was, at first, just this side of terrifying. “Your eyes are swimming in cataracts, Stephen, and you’ll need surgery as soon as possible,” said Dr. Rene Benoit, before adding a few obligatory darts about my age, station, and general state of slow, irreversible decline.

“Just what kind of surgery are you talking about?” I ask.

“Well, put simply, the surgeon removes the lens you were born with, by suction, from the back of each eye and replaces it with a brand-new intraocular lens that is created specifically for you. Within a day you’ll begin to be able to see better than you have since you were a child. After a month of eye drops you’ll come and see me again and we’ll likely prescribe very mild glasses for night driving, for example, perhaps just cheaters for reading, or possibly none of the above. In the meantime you’ll be walking about without glasses of any kind.

“This surgery is truly a miracle. And there is no pain.”

Well, maybe no pain, but what about the stress of anticipation of my Gloucester-like moment, wandering about the heath (in this case Ross Memorial in Lindsay) without the only eyes I’ve ever known or wanted to know? They might be imperfect, but they were mine. And never did I imagine they’d be sucked out while I lay there, immobilized, and virtually fully conscious. “Concentrate on the lighted bars, focus on the light,” said the super efficient and reassuring ophthalmologist, Dr. David Lane.

Slurp.

“And now for your right eye,” he continues, as calm as a crypt.

The procedure takes about a half hour. At its end, you’re fitted with clear eye patches and allowed to recover for a few hours before being driven home. The first day is not without discomfort, and significant stress. But the next morning you awake to a clarity of light, focus, and colours that were almost lost in memory.

So yes, a miracle.

And once again we thank the heavens for Tommy Douglas, Bill Davis, Paul Martin Sr, Judy LaMarsh and all the others who fought in different but effective ways for universal health care. It almost wipes out the memory of my first consult with Dr. Lane, where he confirmed Ben’s diagnoses, and determined that my condition was such that he could actually operate on both eyes in the same session. He also asked whether or not I would be content with the OHIP approved intraocular lenses, or would I prefer the more technically advanced type at the cost of \$150 per eye?

WHAT? So I’m to choose between bargain basement lenses that will be in my eyes for the rest of my life, and the ones that are really good, that really do the job? Are you kidding? Where’s my Mastercard, my debit card, my chequebook, my first born, are you really serious?

Yes, the doctor said rather sadly, it’s just a fact of life. OHIP does not pay for the advanced lenses. Does anyone order the cheap ones? Certainly – for those on super-low fixed incomes, or welfare, or nothing, \$300 is out of reach.

So once again the reality of two-tier health care hits home. Just one more example of how there are these persistent pockets of inequality scattered throughout our health care system. And then, later, when I order the prescribed antibiotic, Zymar, that’s a necessary part of my recovery, the pharmacist explains that Zymar is not covered by Ontario’s drug plan for seniors. Later I ask the doctor about this and he says no eye surgeon in this province would prescribe any other brand, and he can’t imagine why it’s not covered. It just isn’t. The cost? \$30.

And so it goes. One step at a time towards two-tier care, mainly unnoticed, mainly introduced through a kind of quiet bureaucratic stealth. Which once again proves that our politicians and our medical establishment really must have the “serious adult conversation” that keeps being mentioned about how we’re to contain health costs and preserve universal health care. But don’t expect that conversation anytime soon. Just be aware that every day, without public or political consultation, costs are being added and services redefined.



Hasta la vista, Bambi

By Bram Lebo, Publisher

We knew there would be a few complaints about our November feature page — a bragging board where we’ve posted photos sent to us by hunters. Readers should know it was not done without a certain amount of reflection on the subject.

Only one of us at *The Highlander* is a hunter, so we come at this second-hand. Some of us at first did not understand the trophy

photos until we actually saw them and realized they were meaningful and important to the people taking them. We also realized how many photos some of us have of ourselves proudly holding a rather defeated-looking bass or trout, a difference only of scale (and scales).

We also wondered if the objections to hunting and associated photography would be consistent. Is there something different about seeing freshly-killed game compared to neat squares of meat on Styrofoam trays at the grocery store? Do people complain about having to see packaged breasts and rumps in the next cart in the checkout line?

Some people most probably do complain about these things. But most people don’t. Most people eat meat and prefer to remain wilfully blind about where it came from.

But if you eat meat and are honest with yourself, you basically have nothing to say about hunting. You can watch videos online of abattoirs in action — not a pretty site. Every steak and chop you eat, each rib and boneless breast, was once part of a living, beautiful animal before it landed on your plate.

If you do not eat meat, that is certainly your right. But you are following a diet which, in its efforts to be humane, is not really human. People have been eating meat since humanity began; without it, the body must struggle to get enough essential nutrients, lentils and supplements notwithstanding.

Fact is, there is nothing more natural or more honest than hunting your own food. In Haliburton County, it’s an important part of the culture, passed down from parents to children, an activity to be enjoyed with family and friends; it is part of the fabric of this society, a symbol of independence and self-sufficiency.

Hunting is also — a reality not to be understated — a source of affordable food for many families who have trouble making ends meet. With a long, cold winter about to set in, a freezer full of venison is a welcome store of nutrition.

So while we sympathize with those who are offended by the photos, ultimately we believe they represent an important part of life here, something to be recognized and celebrated as much as other topics we cover.

We should all have respect and reverence for the creatures among us; all of us should be good stewards of the land.

Responsible hunting included.

Letters to the editor

Names should be published says Jim Henwood

Dear Editor,

I believe that names should be published.

In the case of drunk driving, the other newspaper in town would say a “43 year old male from Haliburton village was charged with drunk driving”.

The problem is it puts every male in that age group under a microscope. Either say who it is or just say a driver was charged, not indicating age or sex.

Jim Henwood

Former owner of Henwood’s Variety
via HaliburtonHighlander.ca

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Letters to the editor continued

On Don Cherry and Gav's rants

Dear Editor:

Sorry. I just watched (Don Cherry's) rant for the third time and I agree with him.

He's right. Those guys made a very good living playing up to the crowd by fighting and now they are blaming their drug and alcohol addictions on the fact that they were fighters while they ply the safe road of political correctness.

He's also right. Guys in pro sports who commit suicide are, by and large, not the ones who flail away when they get frustrated. Guys who commit suicide are, by and large, the ones who "suck it up buttercup" and let it eat away at them inside.

For the amount of money the Maple Leafs charge for tickets to see a game, you bet your booties I'm wanting more than ballet on ice.

As for you, Gav, you're not much better than Don Cherry. You might make better use of a thesaurus, but your content is exactly the same.

My belief is that if someone has a point to make against someone else, then they shouldn't need to resort to finger-pointing and schoolyard name-calling. It weakens your position and makes me feel that you tossed in all those insults and all that mockery just to pad out what is, basically, very weak content.

And one final point: I know someone who had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Cherry on one of his "many" visits to local hospitals. Her father was dying – quite painfully – and Mister Cherry was kindness and compassion itself.

So. How many dying and sick adults and children have you visited lately?

Sincerely,
Silja Hare, via haliburtonhighlander.ca



Grey skies and a cold wind blowing off Head Lake on November 11. And the prayer...
"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them."

/ Photos Terrance Gavan

The Outsider — Hairy chins, hogs and hiding out —

By Will Jones

I shaved off my beard and bought myself a crazeeee-powerful piece of machinery that I like to call the Hog Stuffer. The wife laughed when she saw it: or was her mirth directed at my rediscovered chin? She claimed I'd got a bad dose of mid-life crisis but I knew it might be a case of life or death.

You see, it all started a couple of weeks back, following the printing of my missive on pig butchery and the unconventional transportation of dead porkers in a rental car. First, the episode was talked up on the radio, joked about even but, beneath this seemingly innocent humour I sensed something more sinister. People began to stare warily at me in the street (this was before the beard shearing, remember) and I started to get emails from folks I didn't know. Then, my lovely wife was accosted in the grocery store. "Which car did you rent from Curry Motors?" demanded the stranger. "I gotta pick one up this afternoon," a car we presumed, rather than a pig, "and I'll be damned if I get one that stinks to high heaven." We still weren't sure which.

That incident was the final straw. Things were getting too hot for me in Haliburton village, and so, kissing wife and Little Z goodbye, I packed up the pig meat, took the

Hog Stuffer and high-tailed it out into the bush, hoping my newly unearthed, whiter-than-white chin wouldn't spook the wildlife.

Now, until last week I wouldn't have had a clue where to skedaddle to but following my meandering road trip I around the County's roads (also recently reported upon in The Highlander: woe betide you if you missed it!) I had a new found knowledge of the region's highways and byways. I roared off down Porky's Road. I took a left on Bacon and then a right into Cheddar (always did think the two went well together in a sandwich) but quickly found myself disorientated on Lost Trail. Then, a sign appeared, 'Another Chance Lane' it said, and so it was. It led to Camp Gayventure Court. Surely, no one would look for a swarthy pig chopper (masquerading as a clean shaven guy packin' plenty of pork) in there.

HAHA! You think I'm that dumb. I took no such route, or did I? I'm not gonna give that away when the rental guys may already be after me. And, before any super sleuths try to track me via my electronic fingerprint, I'll have them know that I was careful to send this latest missive from deep in the bush via an untraceable email. No one will be able to home in on my whereabouts by triangulating the position of my cell phone via transmission towers like they do in cop shows on TV.

Why? Because there is only one damn tower and the reception from Rogers is soooooo poor I can hardly ever get a signal anyway.

So, here I am, hidden in the bush (I'm tempted to tell you that I'm on Toenail Trail but it'd be a lie. I just wanted to mention it, as possibly the worst and as such best named trail in the County). I'm incommunicado but I'm eating well: I have an entire pig's-worth of evidence that I'm chopping up and devouring before anyone else catches up with me.

And that's where the Hog Stuffer comes in. My new sausage-making machine is making short work of the pork and only the telltale smell of frying bangers could give the game away.

What? You thought I'd gone out and bought myself a Harley Davidson! Geez: I may be approaching midlife but I'm not that old or desperate yet!



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Dysart et al

Accessibility an issue on Main Street

By Will Jones

“Of course we’ve considered accessibility in the streetscape project,” said Dysart reeve Murray Fearrey. “If our forefathers had been smart enough to make the right of way 20 feet wider instead of what they did we could have done some of these things but, there just isn’t any room to do it.” Fearrey was responding to a letter from the Aging Well Haliburton County at the recent Dysart council meeting.

He went on to say: “You can’t change the grade of the main street; you can’t change the width. Prior to the 1970s you were allowed to build right up to the property line. There is no room to change the grades so it’s just not a possibility. But, send a letter thanking Mr Stinson [of Aging Well Haliburton County] for his concern and stating that we have reviewed it.”

The letter from Aging Well Haliburton County had stated concern at the lack of progress by the local business community towards providing full access for people with disabilities by the provincial deadline of 2025. The letter then went on to ask if accessibility for the disabled had been

considered when plans for the streetscape improvement work were drawn up.

Director of Public Works, Brian Nicholson, stated that the streetscape project was reviewed by the County of Haliburton Joint Accessibility committee, and suggested that store owners might want to talk to the committee about solutions. “The committee has people that will go into the businesses and give suggestions of how to improve accessibility,” he said.

Councillor Andrea Roberts cited JanKnit Studio, stating: “The Aging Well committee complimented Jan for her actions. It is impossible to install a ramp because she has concrete steps right on the lot line but she put grab bars at her entrance. She did what she could.”

Fearrey agreed: “It’s about doing what you can. People helping people, that’s what it is.”

Businesses wishing to explore their options for improving accessibility for the disabled should contact Angela Balle, Administrative Assistant to the County Clerk - aballe@county.haliburton.on.ca, or call (705) 286-1333.

Events will require insurance to use the Park

By Will Jones

Three organizations requested use of council property during its monthly general meeting on November 14. The Rotary Club asked to use Head Lake Park for its annual carnival on August 8th 2012; Dusk Dances requested access to the park for its shows from July 17th to 22nd; and, the Outdoors Association sought use of the dock on Head Lake for its fishing derby on July 7th.

Council granted all three organizations permission to go ahead. But, events this kind of may become more difficult to stage in the future after the council’s own insurer warned about the potential of it being sued in the event of an accident on its property.

“We’ve had an email from the insurance company that states the organizers of these events are putting themselves in the firing line to be sued

Cheryl Coulson
Dysart Clerk

“It will be unfortunate for some of the groups who have used the park in the past but we do have to protect ourselves.”

Parking meters debated at council

By Will Jones

Parking meters, everyone hates them, right? Perhaps not. At the monthly Dysart et al council meeting lively debate was had on whether new meters should be installed while the streetscape improvement works are ongoing, or whether other options might be considered. The alternatives include a pay and display system or the provision of free parking along Main Street. The answer it seems will not be known until next month’s meeting.

Councillors argued for and against the meters. Explaining that the existing ones are worn out and that a decision must be made quickly in order that works be coordinated with the streetscape project, Reeve Murray Fearrey put forward the option of pay and display meters. “We’d only need five pay points and you have the flexibility to park in one spot, then move and park further down the street if needs be, so long as you are within the limit on your ticket,” he suggested.

Councillor Susan Norcross countered, stating that people may not like having to walk to get a ticket: “You park your car and then have to go find a machine. It could be inconvenient for older residents, and, what about costs? Will

you still be able to pay a quarter for 15 minutes, or will costs go up?”

Then there’s snow removal to consider. At present, the meters make it difficult to effectively clear snow from the sidewalks. No meters at all would be the answer, then: apparently not.

Councillor Andrea Roberts gave her opinion as the liaison for the BIA. “The general consensus amongst business owners is that they want paid for parking because it encourages vehicle turnover in front of their stores and stops folks leaving a vehicle there all day.”

Councillor Walt McKechnie said he wanted to consider the report that the municipal law enforcement officer had produced into how other communities deal with on street parking: “Then we can make a common sense decision.”

The current parking meters gross the council about \$40,000 per annum; but, most of this goes to pay the attendant who empties them. As such, the decision is not a straight forward one. The only thing that is definitely known is that we need a decision.

“And we need it soon,” said Fearrey, putting the topic on the

if an accident happens; and, if the event is on our property, then so are we,” said Reeve Murray Fearrey. “I hate to say this but it could be prohibitive for event organisers because we are going to have to start to ask that event organisers have insurance to cover such accidents.”

The council is currently reviewing the situation and putting together a policy for use of the park and other property for events, including staging parades on the municipality’s roads. This will almost undoubtedly include a requirement for event organisers to have third party liability insurance in the future; something that has not been an issue in the past.

Clerk Cheryl Coulson said: “The process of granting use of the park and other council property will change as our insurers require more guarantees. It is a pity that we have to go down this route and it will be unfortunate for some of the groups who have used the park in the past but, we do have to protect ourselves.”

The subject will be brought before council for formal resolution, along with the full policy for holding public events on council property, in the near future.

Dysart Council Summary

Council grants and relief from tax

Dysart et al council has granted the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association relief of property taxes this year, as it did last year. The HHOA cited its fish stocking program as integral to wildlife conservation and tourism within the county, hoping this good work would sway the decision.

Council is also considering a U-Links grant request for 2012. The U-Links Centre for Community Based Research is requesting \$2,500 from each of the county’s four municipalities to assist with its research efforts in Haliburton County. Minden council currently supplies office space for U-Links, along with a \$2,500 grant from its community services budget.

Streetscape update

Due to wet weather in October, Kawartha Utility ran into

difficulties with its initial streetscape work, which caused delays. This impacted on Aecon, who had to move its start date back from October 24 to the 31.

Both contractors are now on site and have projected work completion dates of November 18th for installation of Hydro ducts (by Kawartha Utility) and December 2nd for the installation of the Bell ducts and manhole (by Aecon).

“On-street work will be completed by the end of the week,” said Brian Nicholson, director of public works, “but there will be some ‘backyard work’, behind buildings, still to complete. Overall we are progressing well and people are reasonably pleased with everything so far.”

Dog Sled Derby comes to town

Council has approved a recommendation that the Housing and Business Development committee donate \$1000 to

the 2012 Dog Sled Derby for purposes of promotion and marketing.

The committee met on November 7th and discussed the donation. It was recommended that any donation be used specifically for promoting the event, which falls within the mandate of the committee.

The event is scheduled to take place on January 21-22.

OPP costs: Jan. to June 2011

Non-contract policing costs for the Municipality of Dysart et al between January 1 and June 30 amounted to \$539,752: this is \$21,778 more than the \$517,974 that had been billed for.

Showing some surprise at the amount, councilors consulted the treasurer as to the total amount budgeted for in 2011. The answer was \$1,071,000.

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Highlander arts

Razzamataz with Ebenezer Scrooge – old tale, new take

By Terrance Gavan

We've all read Charles Dickens's story about a surly miser, a crippled boy and a miserable collection of ethereal specters. It's called *Donald Trump visits a Wall Street Tent Village*.

Wait, and pritheee sir, forgive the unauthorized metaphor. Yes, the chestnut is actually called *A Christmas Carol* and we'll see it performed 2,945 times before Christmas 2011 rolls round.

But we shall never see it performed so blithely and uproariously as we did at Razzamataz in Haliburton.

Last Sunday afternoon at the Northern Lights Theatre, it appeared to the casual observer that some Jolly Red Giant had struck a giant piñata, spilling a convoluted array of young children hither and yon. The words "sugar rush" leapt to mind.

Of course that's precisely what Razzamataz is all about. Razzamataz Haliburton hosts a number of these events every year, but the Christmas show is special. This year the show, *A Christmas Carol* was performed by The Dufflebag Theatre ensemble and was billed as "an hilarious encounter for children and adults alike; and a truly unique theatrical experience where the dream of living a fairy tale actually



does come true."

The Dufflebag players, Steve Burley, Keith Barker, Mike Musi and Marcus Lundgren, brought unquenched enthusiasm to the narration of a rather loose interpretation of Dickens's classic.

And here's the thing. Dufflebag chooses random audience members to play various roles, including Ebenezer himself. So last Sunday it came to pass that young Jacob Dobson, an erstwhile and unassuming young lad from the Highlands, was picked stone cold from the 150 or so audience members.

And he absolutely rocked the part. Lundgren is the narrator and it's up to him to coax his randomly-picked stars through the rather lugubrious machinations of that ghoulish tale.

So well did young Dobson play his role that a certain pundit moved conspiratorially over to Lundgren, and asked him point blank if the troupe used "plants".

"No, never," laughed Lundgren.

"Although today, we lucked out with Jacob. Wasn't he marvelous?"

He was.

And so was the show.

Next Razzamataz is "Circus Terrifico," presented by Motus O Dance Theater at Northern Lights on Sunday, Jan. 15 at 2 p.m.



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Las Vegas at the Pinestone

By Terrance Gavan

It's all very worrying.

The Fab Four relegated to the Tombstone Two. Sonny and Cher whittled in half by an unfriendly Spruce. Patsy Kline, Roy Orbison, Kurt Cobain, Janis and Jimi, all passed to that final stage. And, aye, poor Keith Richards, barely stitched together via some macabre dalliance with a Haitian Voodoo Princess.

"If there's a rock and roll heaven? You know they got a hell of a band."

What is it about tribute shows anyway? They flourish, one thinks, out of some truly nostalgic notion that a song triggers some effluvial overflow of emotion. And it's true. You can be as cynical as you like about tribute shows, but you'd probably just be lying to yourself.

Deep down we all have a moment, and a song, and some of us have a concert. For me it was Neil Young's Harvest Tour back in Ottawa when Neil got so angry that he threatened to burn his acoustic guitar and just "bring back Crazy Horse... if y'all don't shut up!" The audience complied. Which, I think, says something about Neil... or Crazy Horse. I remember that concert because it provided a touchstone to memories of my senior year.

And that, in a wee hat, perhaps underlines the special lure of the tribute show. Or maybe I'm just getting old.

The Delta Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre is hosting the Superstars Tribute Live on Saturday, Nov 19. The concert, featuring the team of Victoria Boland and Andrew Rudd begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$29 per person and the pre-show dinner buffet (5:30 p.m.) is available at \$24.95 per person.

Boland says that she and her partner Rudd have been together for about six years. They make their living writing, singing and performing their own music, but about four years back they started doing the tribute show.

"Superstars has been going on for four years and we've been doing tributes professionally for about six years," says Boland. She adds that the show is a family friendly event.

They cover Sonny and Cher, Roy Orbison, Neil Diamond, Patsy Kline, George Harrison, Tina Turner, Buddy Holly and Shania Twain.

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Highlander arts

State of the Arts By Victoria Ward



Symbolism to chew on

On my recent trip to the Royal Winter Agricultural Fair in Toronto, I spent some time looking at extremely huge vegetables. I am unsettled by enormous vegetables; they make me feel as though I might be looking upon God's mutation and for that may burst into flames.

This year however, I was treated to some interesting facts about vegetables by an acquaintance who is a fifth generation Calgary farm boy. My uneasiness quickly abated when he told me a story about carrots, and how they became predominantly orange in the 17th century. Apparently, the Dutch Empire's vegetable breeders chose orange over other colours to express their unique national identity as separate from the Catholic Spanish Empire. Orange is the national colour of Holland and, from then on, the orange carrot became the main carrot consumed throughout Europe, symbolizing the dominance of the Dutch throughout the world.

I refer to this historical tidbit because recently there was a row in our Senate regarding our mascot, the beaver. Referring to the beaver as a "dentally challenged rodent", a Senator suggested that the polar bear become our leading animal symbol. Now I love a polar bear as much as the next gal, but the polar doesn't inhabit 80 percent of our country's Boreal splendour like the beaver does. The beaver, on the other hand, has represented us valiantly for many years. It is, in fact, our carrot.

At this point I am certain that many people's reactions would be that such a trifle shouldn't even be newsworthy given that our economy is spiraling downward, the European currency's days may be numbered, and winter is coming.

But I beg to differ. I think that we should keep the beaver! It is one of our most valued and extraordinary animals. The beaver is a champion environmentalist, protecting and creating wetlands across the country. After spending some time last year in England, I believe now more than ever, that we are a really young country. We are still defining ourselves. And the beaver, challenged in definition as he may be, is part of that definition.

I have spent most of my visual art career having to listen to my community bemoan the fact that our national identity is wrapped up in some pre-WWII idea of landscape painting, wilderness obsessions and our tiny, white population. And that we need to find a new definition of what a Canadian artist is.

As an artist or a nation, getting lost in ideas of definition can make it difficult to come to grips with the here and now. Stampeding toward making art that purports to "define our era" can become anachronistic pretty quickly, just as thinking the beaver is a "has been" may be short-sighted and hasty. In our accelerated culture, where everything new is good, not everything old is bad.

Artists will always want to explore the edges of the culture and ruffle up the establishment. Canadian artists have the advantage that we aren't "oppressed by history," a phrase I've often heard from Europeans. The beaver, like the orange-d, Protestant carrot did for the Dutch, 'defines' us now. Give the Castor canadensis a bit more history under its pelt and we may yet have the world!

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Highlander outdoors

Endangered Dragonfly spotted in Haliburton County

By Will Jones

It has just been revealed that a Common Sanddragon, a 'critically imperilled' dragonfly, was spotted in Haliburton County this summer. Previously known to exist in only four locations in Canada, all of which are small creeks in Peterborough County, this insect is a prime example of a rare species thriving in the wonderful wilderness in which we live.

Found in the Dahl Forest, a property owned and managed by the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT), the dragonfly can be recognised by its large size and glowing yellow/white appendages. It is fairly common in the southern United States but an extremely rare find in Canada, the very northern limit of its range.

Sheila Ziman, chair of the HHLT, said she was delighted with the find: "One of the reasons we acquired the Dahl Forest was because it is home to several rare and at risk species, so we are very happy to hear that it is also providing habitat for the Common Sanddragon."

But what of these other 'rare and at risk' species?

The HHLT has, since 2007, documented sightings of birds, animals and plants found in the county that are considered endangered to a greater or lesser degree. In 2008, the organization began to ask members of the public to report sightings and the response has been amazing.

Biologist and coordinator of the HHLT Species at Risk database, Paul Heaven, says: "In 2007, we spoke to the Natural Heritage Information Centre and estimated that there were 12 species at risk in the county. At that time we had 75 reported sightings."

Since then, Heaven and fellow biologists have undertaken numerous studies of the diverse natural habitats in the county and identified further species that are classified 'at risk'; there are now 21.

An increased number of species at risk might seem like a bad thing but actually the rising number is due to more rare species, such as the Common Sanddragon, being identified; so proving that Haliburton County is indeed a place filled with a diverse range of unspoiled natural habitat.

Heaven confirms this and gives much credit to eagle-eyed nature lovers, too. "Since we started the Species at Risk register in 2008, the number of sightings has gone from that initial 75 to 639, to date. We now have valuable information on the whereabouts, and so preferred habitat of threatened species such as the Eastern Hog-Nosed Snake, Whip-Poor-Will and Butternut tree."

The value of sightings reported to Heaven by members of the public can not be overstated. The information he gleans from them includes location, the habitat in which the sighting took place, time of year and much more. This is then checked against known preferred habitat and habits to see if the two correlate. Then, with a good idea of what type of place a specific creature or plant likes to live, Heaven can go out and find more land of a similar type.

"If you can find the habitat there is a likelihood that the particular species will be there," he says. "This is how we work, mostly, because by their very nature species at risk are quite hard to find!"

Heaven's findings - his habitat predictions - provide the HHLT with knowledge as to areas that potentially contain rare species,



which should be protected if possible. This may mean that the organization takes over their ownership and management (often with the kind donation of the land by its owner); or that it is ready to act should an area of specific scientific interest become endangered.

As such, Heaven believes that initially the HHLT and reporting of species at risk was looked upon with suspicion. "People were reluctant to report sightings because they thought it might stop them using their land like they wanted to," he says. "But, for the most part, people have realised that this isn't the case: they've come around to thinking that it is a privilege to have a rare species living next door and they really want to ensure it goes on doing so."

So, what's been spotted and what's not? That is the question.

Unfortunately, Heaven clams up when asked, and for good reason. "All of these species are extremely rare and they are rare for a reason. If I told you that we'd got a thriving population of Blandings turtles in a particular spot, the information could fall into

the hands of the illegal pet trade, and, before we knew it, someone would have stolen those turtles. It's the same for plants like the American Ginseng. Only last year, someone was caught with a truck load of plants that they'd harvested illegally."

He goes on to explain that for turtles, in particular, the loss of adult females - whether stolen or run over on the road and killed - impacts immensely on the population for many years to come. "A female turtle takes on average 20 years to reach sexual maturity and after that it lays, say, just 100 eggs a year. Therefore, if a female from a threatened species such as the Blandings or Stinkpot is killed it wipes out all of the new baby turtles she would have produced for at least 20 years and all the mature females that would have come from her clutches for 40 years. It's a big deal."

Heaven is therefore rightly reticent with the numbers and whereabouts of sightings. He is more than happy to say that the database being built up thanks to the information from sightings is giving him and his colleagues a much better understanding of the species at

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risk and their distribution around the county. "We may even be able to down grade some species in years to come, and that would be really good news" he says.

So little is known about the Common Sanddragon, the latest endangered creature to be spotted in our midst, that it is yet to be classified in the HHLT's Species At Risk journal. And, as winter sets in, this elusive dragonfly and its similarly rare cohorts such as the Bobolink, Milk Snake and Five Lined Skink, will be flying south or hunkering down to tough out the cold weather. However, when spring arrives next year we should all be on the look out and Heaven will be very grateful to hear of any sightings of this elusive dragonfly or the other species listed in the journal.

You can find out more about species at risk and buy a Species At Risk journal, so helping support the HHLT, from www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca. To report a species at risk email



Paul Heaven at info@glenside-eco.ca. He will want to know the species type; location (a GPS reading, if possible) within 100 metres; a description of the place you saw the creature or plant; your name and contact details; plus a picture would be great, too.

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Canoe steering in the right direction

Radio station's AGM celebrates record year, elects board

The strength of Haliburton County's volunteer community was on full display again Tuesday, as evidenced by the packed house assembled at the Fish Hatchery for the Canoe FM annual meeting.

Roxanne Casey greeted the crowd and thanked the station's 89 volunteers. She recounted how listeners tell her that Canoe "is the glue that holds the community together."

"I believe in the importance of community radio," she added to the enthusiastic audience, members of which had contributed almost 13,000 hours of their time. It was later announced that Casey's job title had been upgraded by the board to Station Manager.

Board President Paul Cameron conducted the rest of the meeting, which focused on the station's positive financial results for 2010/11 and the election of new directors. Last year the station saw record revenues, with a 17 percent increase in local advertising thanks to the efforts of sales manager Dave Allen. Lead fundraiser Brian Daoust also took a turn, describing how Canoe had raised over \$30,000 in donations.

"Our Canoe is steering in the right direction," said Cameron. The sentiment was echoed by auditor Chad Irvine in his verbal report, in which he stated that Canoe "is in a very strong position."

The remainder of the financial report was delivered by director Jay Bomberry, filling-in for treasurer Case Bassie who was called out of town to celebrate the birth of a grandson.

Bomberry explained that Canoe FM had managed to increase revenues, even without the New Horizons grant it had received in the prior year. Nevertheless, she reported that the board is taking a conservative outlook and has modest expectations for 2011/12.

Before commencing the vote for directors, Cameron thanked past president and director Greg Roe for his many years of service. Roe did not stand for re-election to the board, but promised to stay on as a volunteer.

There were eight candidates for six board positions, five of which went to returning directors, leaving just one spot for a newcomer. The winner was local business-owner Bradley Sales,

a Canoe volunteer who has been serving on the station's music committee for the last two years. Sales had promised in pre-circulated information to "approach a position on the Board of Directors of Canoe FM with the utmost respect and commitment that the position represents."

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Aging Well

By Penny Brown

Getting in and out of the tub can be tricky

Dear Penny,

I'm worried about my wife in the shower. I help her to get in and out but I don't think she is as steady as she should be and I'm afraid she will slip and hurt herself. Don't tell me to shower with her because she already told me no. I know the worst accidents happen in the bathroom. What can I do to make sure she is safe?

Worried Wally

Dear Worried Wally,

You are right. A lot of accidents happen in the home and most of the serious ones are in the bathroom. The reality is a lot of accidents could be avoided with a few good safety devices.

But if you are concerned about your wife's safety because she is "unsteady on her feet" the best place for you to start is with a phone call to your local Home Care office. Ask for a professional home safety assessment.

Home Care will send a nurse or Occupational Therapist to assess your wife's general safety in her daily living activities. They will also do a thorough assessment of your home and help you make it a safer environment for your wife.

Still, I can suggest a number of steps anyone can take to make the bathroom a safer place to be.

Getting in and out of the tub can be tricky when someone is unsteady on their feet and installing two grab bars is a good thing to do. The first grab bar should be on the wall at the entrance to the tub. The lower end of the bar should be at waist height and the upper end should be tilted towards the opposite wall so it is not vertical, but on an angle over the tub. The second bar should be horizontal at waist height on the far wall.

A bath seat helps too. They are inexpensive and portable. More importantly, they provide a seat for use during a shower. Standing takes a good deal of energy and is certainly not

necessary for showering. A seat offers safety and saves physical energy too.

Practice with your wife to have her sit on the edge of the tub and swing her legs into the tub. Then help her shift onto the bath seat to shower. Reverse the process when she comes out.

To be sure the bottom tub surface is not slippery, use a rubber bath mat or friction strips. If you're sticking the strips to the bottom of the tub, you may need two packages to be sure there are no slippery spots.

By the way, those strips are a good thing to put on a kitchen floor too. Most kitchen floors can be slippery when wet and installing inexpensive friction strips improves the safety margin substantially.

But back to the bathroom where the bath rug can be a major hazard. Be sure it has a good gripping backside so it does not slide. If yours is old and worn out, you may need to replace it.

Keep in mind that a white mat on a white floor can sometimes be difficult to see. Be sure the colour of your bathroom mat contrasts with the colour of the floor.

Another good idea is to use a regular rug "runner" in the bathroom. They don't need frequent cleaning and provide a good foothold when you walk on them with bare feet. If you choose such a rug, use double-sided sticky tape on the underside of all the edges to be sure the rug does not "kick up" and create a stumbling hazard.

Readers, if you have any other questions—about your mobility, your comfort, or just about getting through your day more safely and easily, I want to hear them. For real-life answers you can use email penny@haliburtonhighlander.ca.



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Sports opinion

Pardon the Eruption

What we learn from Penn State sex scandal

By Terrance Gavan

Jerry Sandusky is the new poster child for what's wrong in sports.

Sandusky is the Penn State alum and coach who has risen to prominence over the past two weeks.

"Close to 10 additional suspected victims have come forward to the authorities since the arrest of the former Penn State defensive coordinator Jerry Sandusky on Nov. 5 on 40 counts of sexually abusing young boys, according to people close to the investigation," says the New York Times. "The police are working to confirm the new allegations."

I'm not going to get into the details here. My stomach begins to churn violently every time I hear allegations of a shower encounter between Sandusky and a very young child.

The incident itself occurred way back in 2002, and the allegations were originally brought forward by a Penn State graduate assistant and now assistant coach, Mike McQueary.

McQueary says he brought the incident to the police, Penn State authorities, and to the haloed Head Coach Joe Paterno, in a timely fashion. He says that he interceded on behalf of the young boy in the shower room. Paterno, an institution at Penn State, was summarily fired last week. The guillotine is busy at Penn, and blood is spilling madly, appropriately, into gutters.

There are obvious comparisons to be drawn here. Not specifically because of the alleged acts, which are despicable. But more for the internal handling of the case.

Conspiracy, cover-up, finagling of details and fear are intrinsic

components in this unseemly brouhahah. We hearken similar abuses by the Catholic Church and some disturbing examples from our own hockey annals, specifically the shenanigans of one Graham James. James is the man accused and convicted of the sexual abuse of several young hockey players.

More recently James has been targeted by NHL journeyman, Theo Fleury, who says he is still considering bringing sex abuse charges against James.

Here's what's really bothersome about this latest eruption of institutional abuse. Goodness knows that the act itself is unpardonable, but consider the more disturbing fact that an institution, run by molders and shapers of young students, could indulge in such a callous display of inertia. It is absolutely unbelievable.

They are still hemming and hawing and dithering about the future of the program. But they did not hesitate to play the game without Paterno last Saturday. Students wore blue, in solidarity with the alleged victims. They did not boycott the game.

See, football is important. But not for the reasons the college will hand you. That football is an important part of the curriculum at Penn State. Nope. The game was played because it was sold out, and because Penn State football pops multi-millions of dollars into the coffers.

And bam, that takes us right back to 2002. And a police report that "got lost" and a revered geriatric coach who placed football above principle. And friendship over the law of the land.

So I live in Haliburton. What's the fuss?

Well, this week I had an opportunity to visit a couple of practices. It's the easiest and most pleasant part of my week. Why? Because I see volunteer coaches offering insight and information.

Not all the lessons are intrinsic to the game. Some exist simply as metaphors for life.

Like hockey coach Vince Duchene urging a group of girls to go hard on each drill. Practice like it's a game.

Or Dave Waito urging his Red Hawk basketball players to snap passes and run the drills with reckless abandon. "Have fun."

My concern is for the coaches everywhere, and what scandals like this do to their stature.

Do they become more careful in their daily interactions with players? Do they start to second guess moments alone with players? Can they have a heart-to-heart with a player who comes to them with a problem?

Or is there always some niggling notion that, perhaps, I can't offer the help this player needs, because the door's closed or they're alone in a room.

My concern?

What if a kid is being abused at home or elsewhere?

And his/her coach is the only person they trust.

And what if the coach, because of these rules, can't offer that advice.

The moral of this rat-a-tat is not individual crime; but rather the corruption of the system.

It's heart-breaking.

The sophomores are all right

Hawks women possess a pool of bubbling talent

By Terrance Gavan

It ain't easy starting a program from scratch.

That's what three mentors, Dan Marsden, Vince Duchene and Bruce Griffith found out last year.

Back in the fall of 2010, a passel of pretty slick, stick-wielding shinny players wanted to join the ranks of the Kawartha High School Women's Varsity Hockey league. It was a novel idea. Heck, it was a great idea. But as with most great ideas, the implementation came not without attendant stumbling blocks. In this case the hurdles included finding coaches, uniforms, practice times, and a commitment from the school for funding.

But a dedicated nucleus of young women at Hal High figured that faith, hope and hockey will out. And thanks to those dedicated, bold and brash young women – and those three amigos listed above - the Hal High Red Hawks hockey team is embarking on its sophomore season.

And that's what's right about small rural high schools. Students grow up to see themselves as an entrenched part of a small vibrant community. Put that idea in a young noggin? And pretty soon they think they own the place. Or at least they come – we hope - to possess a notion that the faculty and staff at Haliburton Highlands Secondary have their best interests at heart. Get an idea, share an idea. Call it grass-roots democracy in action.

Julia Fedeski, Sam Tallman, Megan Allore, Jessica Duchene, Shelby Hunter, Tammy Everitt, Kate Denniston, Alex Litwin were just some of the young women who displayed an interest in moving their status from club team to league presence in the fall of 2010.

Marsden, Duchene, and Griffith looked at the available roster of high school talent and saw some promising young women who already played within the pre-existing club team at Haliburton Highlands Secondary. Some played at higher levels with A or AA club teams.

So the three coaches – by lucky happenstance Marsden happen to be the HHSS principal - banged heads and counted beans. They came out of the fray with a unanimous concession. "Why the heck not?"

Too often we forget that mentors alongside dreamers, nurtured

by sly, slick schemers, turn dirt tracks to paved roads. A few years back, a really successful Hawks' snowboard racing program carved a huge niche at Hal High, spurred by several student shredders who went to mattresses to form a team. The coaches and the young women are hoping to bring girls hockey to that same level of commitment and success.

And now the hard work begins. Building that program and inciting excellence. One wonders how long it might take before a Red Hawk from Haliburton Highlands reaches the female equivalent of a Bernie Nicholls, Ron Stackhouse or a Matt Duchene?

We had an opportunity to watch a practice conducted by Marsden and Duchene last Tuesday afternoon at the old Dysart Barn. Just to clear things up, Vince Duchene is father of the Colorado Avalanche's emerging superstar Matt. Daughter Jessica is one of the Hawks four starting blue-liners.

The practice was indicative of Marsden and Duchene's vision for the team this year. Last Tuesday we looked at phase one and Duchene's hammering on the fundamentals. Power skating, backward skating drills, and puck rotation in the defensive zone held the girls' focus and attention for a full hour of intense practice time. There is a plan for this year that includes the future. "The program was so new the last couple of years that it was a matter of filling the process out to see what girls were committed," says Duchene. "Dan Marsden's played at a very high level of hockey so he's got a lot of hockey knowledge and he and I realize that we have a really good crop of girls this year and if we're going to do well in this league and tournaments it's probably going to be this year.

"My philosophy is the same as it was with Matt. I coached Matt an awful lot when he was growing up and the most important thing is development. And it doesn't matter if these girls are an A player or a B player or even a C player. They will all get something out of development. There are boatloads of drills, tempo drills and agility drills for skating that are available and the girls are going to learn this year. And you know what? My philosophy is – and I did it with Matt – if you keep them busy and up tempo and the drills are interesting the practice just flies by and they'll have a blast doing it."

And both Marsden and Duchene have assessed the talent and



they think they have a decent opportunity to turn some heads this season.

There are 14 teams in Kawartha – divided into two divisions – and their season is only six games long. They played an exhibition in Fenelon Falls on Wednesday, and they'll be attending a few tournaments including one in Lake Placid, Dec. 15-18.

"We're in our tryout phase right now and we'll be making cuts, but we'll also be carrying some spare players, and they'll travel with us" says Duchene. Unlike last year the Hawks will have two goalies available. Last year's pipe stalwart Jillian Mayhew is joined by young Connor Marsden – Dan's daughter.

"Our philosophy's very simple," says Duchene. "We're going to ice the best team that we can, and we're going to be competitive. And we'll try to bring a COSSA championship back here. The first ever."

There's no braggadocio in the statement. Both coaches are realistic but enthusiastic and the girls appear to be right on board.

"We have two good goaltenders, we have four solid D and we have some forwards that can score," says Duchene.

Overboards: The home opener is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 1 at 2 p.m. against the Fenelon Falls Falcons. Then it's LCVI on Dec. 8 and Thomas A. Stewart on Dec. 13. Home games are played at the Dysart Barn and all games go at 2 p.m. Get there on time. The girls play shorter periods than the men. The Hawks are on the road versus IE Weldon, St. Peter's and Adam Scott.

Sports news



Highland Storm Peewee AE's drop one to Port Carling

The Highland Storm Peewee AE fought hard for three periods but lost 6-0 to the home town Port Carling Thunder.

The Storm knew going in that they'd be up against a very tough, slick and skilled team.

It was a tough game for the team.

The Storm should be very proud of their effort as they stayed focused and left their hearts on their sleeve and on the ice.

Next Peewee game is Sunday, Nov. 27 at 3:00 pm at Dysart Barn versus the Huntsville Otters.

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Hoop Hawks will run, gun and have some fun

By Terrance Gavan

Coach Roland Zilla is still at Hal High, but the long time Red Hawks hoops' mentor is officially retired from the hardwood.

That's the bad news. The good news is he's left the program in good hands. Taking over head coaching duties is Dave Waito who assisted Zilla with the senior varsity last season.

Returning as an assistant is retired teacher Walter Tose, and moving up from the JV's is Sam Little.

Waito says it's a pure luxury to have three guys on the bench. He might need all those heads churning strategy, because the Hawks have only four returning players from last season.

Gone are Luke Watson and Jesse Lefebvre, the twin towers. That will leave Damon Flatman as the most viable and experienced player remaining from a pretty nice 2010-11 squad. Also returning from last year are Austin Lloyd, Denver Smith and Dylan Smith.

Of needs it behooves a coach to forget the past and concentrate on the now. And for Dave Waito the now begins this weekend with a Peterborough tourney and a chance to see what's under the hood.

They'll be relying on some JV players to step in and mark their territory. The tallest kid on the floor is Zach Cox and he'll be a pivotal part of the squad. "Zach is going to be a good addition and we appreciate his height," says Waito.

The question remains: Is Cox big enough and strong enough to bounce bodies with the aircraft carriers from LCVI, Crestwood and Fenelon Falls? He'll be dancing with some fifth year players, and that's a tall order for young Cox, who has grown a ton since last season.

He's got a nice touch around the hole, and is not afraid to take

the ball to the basket. But this weekend's three exhibition games will determine if he can box the lane with the big mooks.

Also moving up from junior is Louis Ferracuti, but he won't be available for a few weeks while he's nursing an injured shoulder.

And from the south comes a gift of an experienced backcourter, Elijah Anger. "He's a transfer from the St. Catharine's area and plays point guard, and it's nice to see some ball handling coming in," says Waito. Riley Tait took a year off basketball last year, but Waito says he's back and ready to play.

"We're optimistic," says Waito. "They're hard working guys and that's evident even in these first two weeks. They put forth a great effort in practice and we'll see how we match up against these teams this weekend."

Waito says that the lack of an overpowering front end will determine their overall game strategy. That's basketball speak for the implementation of an up-tempo offense, a pressing zone and a rugged man-to-man. They will have to stay out of the half-court offensive set especially against some of the bigger Triple A teams.

"We play our first game on the 30th so it will be nice to have those three exhibition games under our belt before the season starts," smiles Waito. "That's important especially since this season we'll have some interlocking games with the Peterborough schools."

The season is relatively short, eight games total with four interlocking contests.

All coaching eyes will be locked into the games this weekend. Results from the tourney will be in next week's Highlander.



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- Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists Presentation on Hawk Identification, Haliburton Museum, 7:30pm
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- Euchre Nights, Minden Legion Branch 636, 7:30pm
- Bid Euchre, Community Care, Haliburton, 1pm, for seniors 55+ or physically disabled adults 18+, Ida 705-457-2941

Friday - 18

- Peace, Love & Acoustic Guitar, McKeck's, 8pm, 705-457-0260, sadamsyvwcahal@bellnet.ca, www.ywcapeterborough.org
- Shepherd's Table Community Supper, Lakeside Baptist Church, 5:30pm, 705-457-2851
- Play Pool, Wilberforce Legion Branch 624, 1:30pm, jandreamweaver@aol.com
- Spaghetti Dinner, Wilberforce Legion Branch 624, 5pm to 7 pm, jandreamweaver@aol.com
- Jam Session, Everyone Welcome, Wilberforce Legion Branch 624, 7pm, local musicians get together for an evening of fun and entertainment, anyone playing a musical instrument is welcome to join in, jandreamweaver@aol.com
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- Cribbage, Community Care, Haliburton, 1pm, for seniors 55+ or physically disabled adults 18+, Ida 705-457-2941

Friday - 18-20

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Saturday - 19

- Craft Sale, Minden Legion Branch 636, Minden Community Centre, 705-286-4541
- Christmas Bazaar & Luncheon, St. Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 10am - 2pm
- Crafty Christmas Sale, Robert McCausland Memorial Community Centre, Gooderham, 10am to 3pm, 705-447-

- 2906, marilyn.wooder@gmail.com
- Craft & Bake Sale, Norland School Hall Community Centre, 10am - 2pm, 705-454-3206
- Christmas Craft & Bake Sale, Gooderham United Church, 10am to 3pm
- Pirate Party, Minden Early Years Centre, 10am to 12noon, 705-286-1770, oeeycminden@bellnet.ca
- Karaoke Night with Gord Bartley, Kinmount Legion, 8pm, 705-488-2810, kcathyspalace@aol.com
- Open Mike Nite, Dominion Hotel, Minden, 705-286-5035, shawn@light.on.ca
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- Highland Trio, Minden Legion Branch 636, 1pm to 5pm, open mic opportunities, meat draw, 50/50 draw
- Meat Draw, Wilberforce Legion Branch 624, 2pm, jandreamweaver@aol.com

Sunday - 20

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Monday - 21

- Cribbage Night, Minden Legion Branch 636, 7:30pm
- Cloggers, Lloyd Watson Centre, Wilberforce, 7pm, \$1, all ages welcome
- Celebrate Recovery, Lakeside Baptist Church, 7pm to 10pm, admin@lakesidebaptist.ca

Monday - 21-26

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Monday - 21

- Contract Bridge, Community Care, Haliburton, 1pm, for seniors 55+ or physically disabled adults 18+, Ida 705-457-2941

Tuesday - 22

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Friday - 24-27

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Friday - 25-27

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